

Evaluation of Host Nation Blood Supply

Overview

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| Introduction | The mission of the Department of Defense has evolved over time with current doctrine to include an increase in humanitarian missions and sustainment operations world-wide. Due to the increase in scope and possibilities of casualties, the requirement for immediate access to blood products has become a necessity. Deployed assets do not maintain a large inventory of blood products, thus would be stressed to response to a massive casualty requiring extensive blood products. In an effort to provide safe blood products to our war-fighters, an assessment of the local Host Nation blood supply would be beneficial |
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| Documentation | A formal written assessment report is to be prepared with recommendations as to whether the blood supply is equivalent to United States standards and under what circumstances the blood products should be utilized. This assessment report should be sent to the Combatant Command Surgeon, Armed Services Blood Program Office, Joint Blood Program Officer and Area Joint Blood Program Officer as appropriate. |
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| Summary of Changes | New Guidance Document |
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| References | HA Policy 01-020, Policy on the Use of Non-US Food and Drug Administration Licensed Blood Products, dated December 4, 2001 |
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| Purpose | This document is to be used as a guide to develop a standard operating procedure to assess the local Host Nation blood supply. The assessment should determine if the local Host Nation blood supply is equivalent to United States standards and if not identify the deficiencies. |
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| Responsibilities | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Combatant Command Surgeon (SG):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Determine if there is a need to utilize Host Nation Medical Facilitiesb. Request the assessment of the Host Nation Blood supply2. Joint Blood Program Officer (JBPO):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Determine if resources are available within Theatre to perform assessment, if not request from ASBPOb. Review final assessment report and make recommendations to Combatant Command SG on usage of Host Nation Blood supply3. Area Joint Blood Program Officer (AJBPO):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Coordinate the performance of the assessment4. Armed Services Blood Program Office (ASBPO):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Assist with the selection of a qualified assessor if none already within Theater5. Blood Supply Assessor:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Coordinate the performance of the assessmentb. Perform the assessment of the Host Nation Blood supplyc. Prepare the final assessment report with recommendations |
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| Definitions | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Host Nation: Foreign country where the operation is occurring2. Joint Blood Program Office: Tri-service Blood Program Office that provides guidance to the Services on blood collection and transfusion3. Combatant Command Surgeon: Responsible for the medical activities within the Theatre4. US Standards: Adherence to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) standards and regulations |
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| Materials & Equipment | Armed Services Blood Program, Assessment Tool for the Evaluation of Host Nation Blood Supply |
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Evaluation of Host Nation Blood Supply, Continued

Determine the Requirement

The Combatant Command SG determines that there is a need to have the Host Nation blood supply evaluated

| Step | Action | | | | | | |
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| 1 | The Combatant Command SG sends the tasking to the JBPO for action | | | | | | |
| 2 | <div> The JBPO determines if the appropriate assets are available in theatre to perform the tasking <table> <tr> <th>IF ...</th><th>THEN ...</th></tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td><td>JBPO tasks an officer within theater to perform the assessment, go to step 5</td></tr> <tr> <td>No</td><td>JBPO contacts ASBPO requesting support</td></tr> </table> </div> | IF ... | THEN ... | Yes | JBPO tasks an officer within theater to perform the assessment, go to step 5 | No | JBPO contacts ASBPO requesting support |
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| No | JBPO contacts ASBPO requesting support | | | | | | |
| 3 | ASBPO sends out a request to all three Services for nominations to support the requirement | | | | | | |
| 4 | ASBPO receives the Service's nominations | | | | | | |
| 5 | Select the appropriate assessor | | | | | | |

Pre-Assessment Once the assessors is identified, the assessor performs the following

| Step | Action | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Review Assessment Tool | | | | | | |
| 2 | <div> Coordinate with the local MTF to determine if a relationship exists <table> <tr> <th>IF ...</th><th>THEN ...</th></tr> <tr> <td>Yes</td><td>through the military contact person arrange the assessment</td></tr> <tr> <td>No</td><td>coordinate with MTF Commander for assessment</td></tr> </table> </div> | IF ... | THEN ... | Yes | through the military contact person arrange the assessment | No | coordinate with MTF Commander for assessment |
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| 3 | Set up a mutually agreed upon time for the assessment | | | | | | |
| 4 | Ensure to be aware of all of the local customs and courtesies | | | | | | |

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Conducting the Assessment Performing the following steps during the assessment of the Host Nation's blood supply.

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | Conduct the assessment (realize that some facilities/cultures will not allow you full access to all of the information you may want to evaluate) |
| 2 | Using the Assessment Tool as a guide, determine if the Host Nation blood supply is equivalent to US standards |
| 3 | Document as much information as possible (which will be helpful for drafting the final report) |
| 4 | Collection examples of documents, if possible |
| 5 | At the conclusion of the assessment, thank your hosts for their time and cooperation |

Post-Assessment After the assessment is completed, perform the following steps.

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| 1 | Collate the data from the assessment |
| 2 | Draft an assessment report from the notes and information gathered (refer to template) |
| 3 | Attach any documents that you were permitted to remove from the facility to the assessment report |
| 4 | Send the original report to the Combatant Command SG and a copy to the JBPO, AJBPO and ASBPO |

Attachment(s) Guidance Assessment Tool
Assessment Report (Template)
